



Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Flagstaff, AZ- On Thursday, January 28th at 3:30 p.m. the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit, Arizona Snowbowl Ski Patrol, and Guardian Medical Transport responded to a report of a seriously injured 28 year old male snowboarder outside of the ski area boundary on the south side of Agassiz Peak.

The injured snowboarder and three others left the Snowbowl Ski Area at approximately 3:00 p.m. to ride out of bounds. The injured snowboarder struck a tree and injured his leg. One of his friends stayed with him while the other two made it out to Snowbowl Road and reported the accident.

At the request of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Patrol responded into the backcountry to locate, stabilize, and begin transporting the injured snowboarder down the slope toward Friedlein Prairie Road. Search and Rescue responded with the Snowcat down Friedlein Prairie Road with additional personnel including a Guardian Medical Transport paramedic. The Snowcat and the additional personnel met Ski Patrol near the bottom of Second Gully and transferred the injured snowboarder into the Snowcat for transport to Snowbowl Road to a waiting Guardian Medical Transport ambulance. The injured snowboarder was delivered to the waiting ambulance at 7:00 p.m. and was then transported to Flagstaff Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

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